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REMARKS

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1. Between 3 and 7 p.m. on 5 September 1951, twin-engine bombers were parked in two lines in front of the hangars at Cottbus airfield. There was no flying. About 10 to 12 laborers were finishing some work west of the runway. (1) A wide area west of the runway was sodded but was not as level as the landing field. The northern section of the landing field had been mowed again.

2. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 12 September, about 30 twin-engine planes were parked in two rows in front of the hangars at the field. (2) There was no flying or vehicular traffic.

3. From 6 to 17 September, 38 to 42 twin-engine aircraft were observed parked in two lines in front of the hangars. During this period, only a few individual take-offs were made by these planes. No night flying was practiced. About 8:20 p.m. on 17 September, the noise of an aircraft engine was heard and a searchlight which was probably located near the landing beacon rotated for a short time. (3)

4. An ammunition dump was observed just south of the Sietow-Zahsow road, southeast of triangulation point 65.4. On two days, trucks were loaded with bombs there. (4)

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5. Between 6 and 15 September, the consumers cooperative delivered the following quantities of bread to the two air force units at the field:

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Type of BreadLoaves of Bread

black rye bread

4,200 and 1,200

brown bread

2,415 and 880

white bread

390 and 13

Trucks

were observed picking up the bread.

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6. [redacted] many young male and female Russian civilians, whose assignment was kept secret, arrived at the field. (5) 50X1-HUM

Comments.

- (1) Grading of the landing field in the western extension of the runway was previously reported to have been completed. 50X1-HUM
- (2) The type and number of aircraft observed indicate that the field is still occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with PD-2s.
- (3) This is the outer landing beacon of Cottbus airfield. For its pin-point location. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (4) [redacted] the ammunition dump belongs to Cottbus airfield. No details on the type and quantity of stored ammunition are available.
- (5) The Soviet personnel is probably to replace the female German personnel that has apparently been dismissed at all airfields in the Soviet zone of Germany.

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